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SUBJECT: VISIT OF POLISARIO FRONT REPRESENTATIVES TO  
MEXICO

1. ON DECEMBER 7, 1977 FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLI-  
SARIO FRONT ARRIVED IN MEXICO TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM THE  
GOM FOR THEIR CAUSE. THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY ACTED AS IN-  
FORMAL HOST FOR THE VISITORS; BACHIR MUSTAFA SAYED (VICE  
PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC ARAB SAHARIAN REPUBLIC AND  
ASST. SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE POLISARIO FRONT); AHMED  
BUJAR; BEIRIC SALAD; AND AHMED BILAL. THE ALGERIAN MINI-  
STER COUNSELOR TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE POLISARIO FRONT REPS  
HAD DESCRIBED THEIR EFFORTS WITH THE GOM AS "FRUITFUL",  
ALTHOUGH THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT SUCCEED IN MEETING WITH  
TOP GOM OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME. AN OFFICIAL AT MEXFONSEC  
TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE POLISARIO REPS WERE VISITING MEXICO  
IN A PURELY PRIVATE CAPACITY AND THAT THE GOM'S POSITION  
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TOWARD THEM WAS ONE OF NEUTRALITY.

2. DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 1978 THE POLISARIO  
FRONT SURFACED AGAIN IN MEXICO AS THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY  
OFFERED ANOTHER COCKTAIL PARTY FOR THE VISITING DELEGATION  
(APPARENTLY COMPOSED OF THE SAME MEMBERS AS FOR THE  
DECEMBER VISIT). FYI: THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY CALLED THE

CHARGE TO INVITE HIM TO THE SOCIAL FUNCTION, AND PRESSED FOR THE CHARGE TO ATTEND OR SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. NO ONE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ATTENDED THE FUNCTION ON THE GROUND OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENT. END FYI.

3. IN THIS VISIT THE POLISARIO FRONT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN MEETING WITH TOP GOM OFFICIALS AND HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO ON FEBRUARY 16. THE MEXICAN PRESS REPORTED ON FEBRUARY 18 THAT MUSTAFA SAYED SAID THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAD "REAFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT OF THE SAHARIAN PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, THEIR SELF-DETERMINATION, AND THEIR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY." IN HIS REMARKS TO THE PRESS, MUSTAFA SAYED REFERRED TO THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE POLISARIO FRONT BY THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR IN ALGERIA. THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, EL NACIONAL, REPORTED THE ABOVE STATEMENTS WITHOUT ANY CLARIFICATION ATTRIBUTED EITHER TO THE PRESIDENT OR THE MEXFONSEC.

4. ANOTHER MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER (NON-GOVERNMENT OWNED) STATED THAT THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN INVITED TO MEXICO BY THE GOVERNMENT PARTY (THE PRI, INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY). STILL ANOTHER PRIVATE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT THE PRI WOULD SEND A DELEGATION HEADED BY A MEMBER OF ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 27 CELEBRATION OF THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE DEMOCRATIC ARAB SAHARIAN REPUBLIC.  
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5. EMBASSY WILL INQUIRE FROM FOREIGN RELATIONS ABOUT OFFICIAL GOM POLICY TOWARD POLISARIO FRONT AND REPORT OUTCOME TO ADDRESSEES. THOMPSON

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